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POLITICAL

PRAISE QASIM'S OIL POLICY -- Baghdad, Khehbat, 13 Sep 60

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Iraqi students in Poland have sent a message to Premier Qasim praising him for his stand on the monopolistic petroleum companies. They said that they look forward to returning to their country as specialists equipped to manage the exploitation of their own resources. In this, they are finding understanding and encouragement from the friendly Polish people. The message was signed by Muhammad Kamil 'Arif, secretary of the Iraqi Student Association in the Polish People's Republic.

ECONOMIC

NEW DEPARTMENT TO COORDINATE AUTOMATION -- Berlin, Feingeraetetechnik, Vol 9, No 8, Aug 60, pp 331-332

CPYRGHT

The Department of Machine Tools and Automation has been established in the State Planning Commission to coordinate the complex planning and production of automation devices. The department began operating in early 1960. The following VVB's [Associations of People Owned Enterprises] and central institutes are under the immediate jurisdiction of the new department: VVB for Regulating Technology, Apparatus Construction, and Optics; VVB for Armatures; VVB for Machine Tools; VVB for Tools, Implements, and Wood Processing; Central Institute for Automation in Jena; Central Institute for Production in Karl-Marx Stadt; and Central Institute for Welding Technology in Halle.

CZECHOSLOVAK-AFGHAN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS -- KABUL, Anis, 7, 11 Sep 60

CPYRGHT

A Czechoslovak Trade Delegation arrived in Kabul on 6 September to discuss trade relations with the Afghan government. The delegation was met at the Kabul Airport by Dr Omar, Director General of Foreign Trade, and Mohammed Akbar, Director of Agreements, Ministry of Commerce.

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Official negotiations were started on 10 September at the Afghan Ministry of Commerce in Kabul. The Afghan representatives are headed by Yunesi, Director General of the Ministry of Commerce, and the Czechoslovak delegation is headed by Jelenic.

NEW EMPHASIS ON SELF-RELIANCE -- Peiping, Ta Kung Pao, 31 Aug 60, p 1

[Comment: Coming in the wake of "Revolutionaries Must Have a Revolutionary Spirit," Shanghai, Chieh-fang, No 15, 5 August 1960, and "Hold High the Red Flag of the General Line and March on," by Li Fu-ch'un, Peiping, Hung-ch'i, No 16, 16 August 1960, an article on the Kiangsi Province textile industry in the 31 August 1960 issue of Ta Kung Pao, provides a further indication of a possible intention by China to rely more on its own devices, and less on those of the Soviet Union, in technical training, complex industrial processes, etc. The article, which describes the completion of construction on a synthetic-fiber plant in Kiangsi, boasts of "building the machinery and equipment by ourselves, training our technical manpower by ourselves, and hunting for raw materials for (synthetic) fibers by ourselves." Excerpts follow.]

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Textile industry departments in Kiangsi, implementing the policy of managing enterprises with diligence and thrift, have produced even more through their own power; have made the best of the crude, simple resources available; have broken the bottlenecks in the supply of equipment, technicians, and raw materials; and in little more than half a year and with an investment of somewhat over 1.4 million yuan, have completed construction of a synthetic-fiber plant with an annual production capacity of 90 metric tons and of a silk-weaving shop. Most of the machinery and equipment in this [unidentified synthetic-fiber plant] plant they [the textile industry departments] made themselves, using largely substitute products....

To resolve the problem of technical forces, they adopted the coordination of study with work and used the system of assigning apprentices to master workmen to train their technical forces. During the early part of the construction, the plant sent cadres to Shanghai and North-east China to observe and gain experience. On their return, [these cadres] immediately organized technical classes. By these means, it was possible to start with a base of only three workers with some knowledge of metal-work and electrical work, one technician, and one chemical engineer and to train more than ten men in machinery installation and over 100 workers in industrial processes in the production of synthetic fiber....

COMPLAIN OF PEASANTS IN INDUSTRY -- Shanghai, Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 4 Sep 60  
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We, workers of the Shanghai Hsiang-k'ou Machinery Plant, recently noticed that there were many peasants working in the capital construction teams. These peasants have come here furtively, without permission from their hsien people's committee of people's communes. Yet, the plant, in defiance of policy and law, hired them as temporary workers.

The action of the plant not only violates state policy and law, but also affects the unity of workers and peasants. These peasant brethren are strong and healthy. They should be the main labor force during the busy farming season. The agricultural front needs them to strengthen its front. The leaders of the plant are well aware of the principles of "agriculture is the foundation of national economy," and "grain food is the foundation of foundations." Why do they act in this way? -- Chang Po-liang and Chiang Kuo-k'ai.

SAVINGS DEPOSITS INCREASE -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 8 Sep 60, p 4

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As of 20 August, urban and rural bank savings deposits in Kirin Province totaled 170 million yuan, an increase of 95.4 percent over the same period last year. Following the establishment of rural and urban communes, there was an unprecedented increase in employment, including a large number of housewives who are now working in the communes; this has accelerated production and increased personal incomes and savings.

As of early August, bank savings deposits in Peiping totaled 302,270,000 yuan, an increase of 36 million yuan over the amount of deposits registered at the end of 1959; 70 percent of the increase was in the form of fixed time deposits. During the first 8 months, there was an increase of 250,000 new savings deposit accounts. The primary reason for the rapid increase in urban savings deposits is the tremendous development of production and the increase in the personal income of workers, especially of housewives, who are now engaged in neighborhood industries.

[Comment: The New China News Agency English-language service carried the above item, but did not give the yuan figure for Kirin Province.]

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SOCIOLOGICAL

INDUSTRIAL DIRECTORS TOLD TO DISSOLVE SOBSI UNIONS -- Djakarta, Pos  
Indonesia, 14 Sep 60

At a meeting held by Lt Col Arifin Achmad, Commander and War  
Administrator of Regiment 6, Lampung, South Sumatra, with the direc-  
tors of vital industries in the Lampung area, the latter were ordered  
to dissolve quickly any unions affiliated with Sobsi [Communist dom-  
inated labor federation] in their industries. This was done to pre-  
vent strikes by the workers in these vital industries.

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